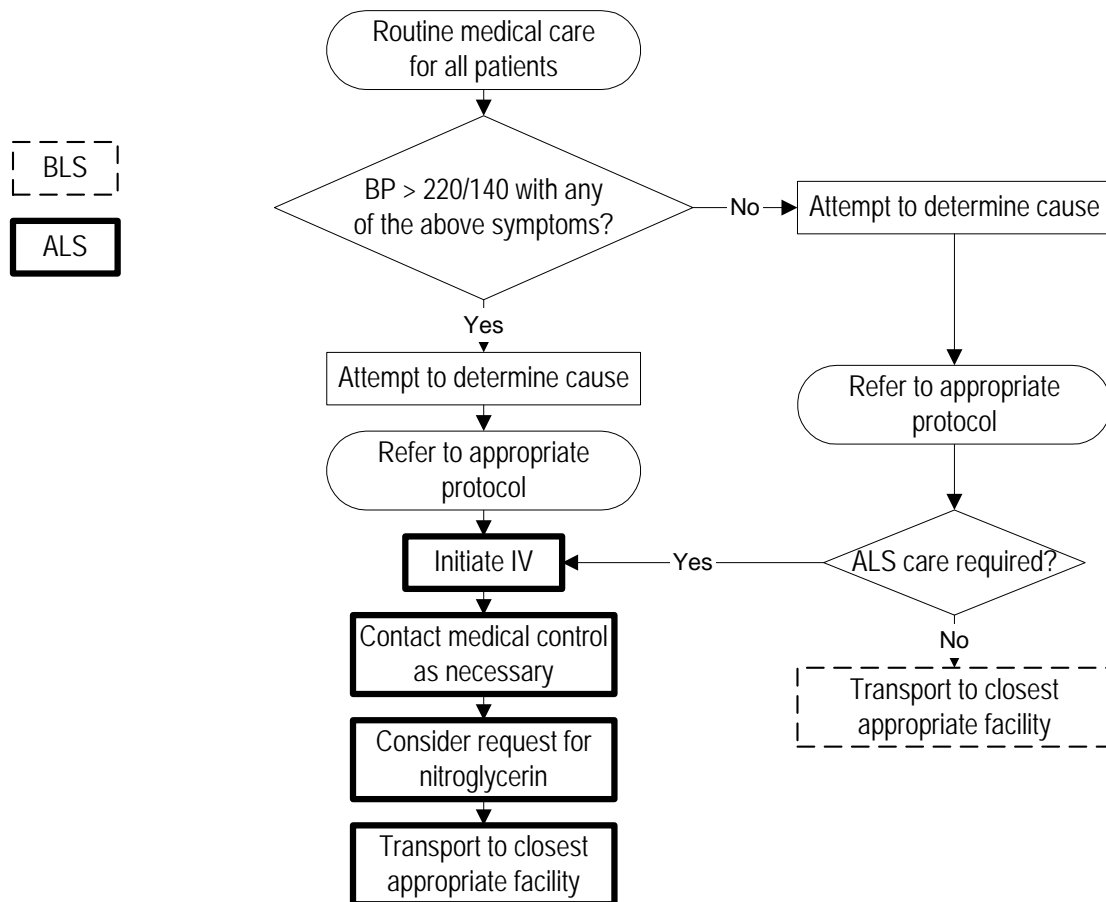


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**MILWAUKEE COUNTY EMS
MEDICAL PROTOCOL
HYPERTENSION**

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History:	Signs/Symptoms:	Working Assessment:
History of hypertension Taking antihypertensives Pregnant Renal disease or on renal dialysis Cocaine use within the last 24 hours	Blood pressure above <u>220/140</u> <u>and</u> any of the following: Headache Dizziness Weakness Epistaxis Blurred vision Nausea, vomiting Seizure Altered level of consciousness	Hypertensive crisis Eclampsia Cocaine induced hypertension



NOTES:

- Be sure to obtain multiple blood pressure readings.
- Treat the patient not the blood pressure.
- When considering request for nitroglycerin, be sure to determine if patient has used Viagra or Viagra-like medications within the last 24 hours.